



# Rocky Mountain Tool Collectors

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

## GREETINGS FELLOW RMTC MEMBERS

I am happy to be once again serving as your president and am most grateful for the able assistance of Steve Scruggs, Vice President; Mike Liebman, Treasurer; and Cliff Fales, Secretary.

As you probably know, our organization began in 1976 with the Colorado Tool Collectors and the New Mexico Tool Collectors.

These two groups merged in 1980 as the Rocky Mountain Tool Collectors with the 1981 officers being: Ed Rowland, President; Ernie Blumenthal, Vice President and Charlie Wright, Secretary/Treasurer (which two functions were later separated with and officer in charge of each).

We have enjoyed a slow but solid growth over the years and still have most of the original members. We now have more than 140 members.

Area meetings have become more regular and better attended with very interesting programs; we extend our collective thanks to those of you who have had meetings in your homes.

Although the attendance of the New Mexico area meetings cannot compare with that of the Colorado area - like 40 present at Phil Whitby's on Sunday, March 18, we do average between 50-65% of our 31 New Mexico members attending. We had 14 members, 3 guest and several wives at my home on March 17th.

We are all looking forward to the May meeting in Trinidad, CO and thank Steve Scruggs for putting this one together.

Being halfway between Albuquerque and Denver makes Trinidad an ideal location; we met there in 1988 at the Holiday Inn and had a great time. They (Holiday Inn) must be happy to be having us back as they have given us an even better rate this time.

We are also looking forward to our joint meeting with the Southwest Tool Collectors and Area I & L of the Mid-West Tool Collectors Association in Albuquerque Labor Day weekend.

I attended the February convention of the P.A.S.T. group in San Diego and several of their members told me they plan to attend our fall meeting.

Several of us New Mexico Members will be attending the Southwest Tool Collectors Association meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma March 13th & 14th and will remind them of the upcoming joint meeting.

Besides the Trinidad meeting I hope to attend a Colorado area meeting this summer although it might be cheaper buying one's own plane than a round trip Albuquerque to Denver ticket. (Some flights from Albuquerque to other destinations making connections in Denver are much cheaper.)

I hope to see you all in Trinidad; meanwhile, Good Collecting!

Bill McDougall

REMAINING 1990 MEETING DATES

May 5,6	JOINT MEETING	Trinidad, CO
July 15	Dave Miller	Lakewood, CO
July 21	Bill Muse	Albuquerque, NM
August 11	Dave Fessler	Albuquerque, NM
August 31 -		
September 2	GENERAL MEETING	Albuquerque, NM
	(joint meeting with SWTCA)	
October 6	Drew Goodman	Albuquerque, NM
October 14	Hannah Mauch	Colorado Springs, CO
November 18	Don Jordan	Boulder, CO
December 8	Elmo/Richard Rinehart	Albuquerque, NM

A NOTE FROM DON GIBBS

We received a short note with the membership renewal of one of the "farthest flung" members of our international organization - Don Gibbs, who resides in Germany. Don says, "Greetings from Germany. I enjoy the newsletters. It sounds like the club had a good year. I've picked up a few things here. There's lots of wooden planes - most still being used! Say 'hello' to anyone who remembers me. I'll be back there to live someday!"

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: (1) Lever cap for Stanley No. 35, type 11 or earlier with pebbled surface  
(2) Cutters (or exact dimensions) for Stanley No. 48 T & G. Dick Dickerson

WANTED: Automatic screwdrivers (or information about same - catalog listings, etc.) with names ALLARD, F. A. HOWARD, JONES REVERSIBLE (all made in Belfast, Me), or NEW YORK MANUFACTURING CO. Would like to buy or borrow for study and photography for research. Cliff Fales

(Please use your membership book for addresses to contact the above members.)

FROM THE EDITOR

From time to time you may receive an extra membership blank on the back of the newsletter; this is just to fill up space and to give you an extra to have on hand in case you need one for a potential new member. It does not mean that you need to renew your membership. The date on the mailing label indicates your membership expiration.

New pages of new members and address changes are included for your membership book which you should have received within the last month.

TOWER & LYON CATALOG REPRINT

The Tower & Lyon catalog which was a membership bonus to those who renewed their 1990 membership promptly was made possible, partly through a generous concession from Gregg & Valerie Helser who had the original copy which Roger Smith has reprinted commercially. Thanks, Gregg and Valerie

P-TAMPIA TO BE REPRINTED

Roger Smith reports that the first edition of his book, PATENTED TRANSITIONAL & METALLIC PLANES IN AMERICA 1827-1927, is nearly sold out. It is to be reprinted but without the color plates. If you do not yet have this book and wish to have it in the first edition you need to move.

TRINIDAD: MAY 5th & 6th